

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: _____ :
 Gruskin et al. _____ : Confirmation No.: 6177
 Serial No. 10/524,495 _____ : Group Art Unit: 1652
 Filed: January 20, 2006 _____ : Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty
 For: CHIMERIC PROTEIN _____

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated October 29, 2008 in the above identified application. The Office Action sets forth a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, for which submission of the appropriate fee as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(a) acts as extension of time for timely submission. The USPTO is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, and thus, this response is timely filed and is fully responsive to the Office Action.

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Remarks being on page 4.